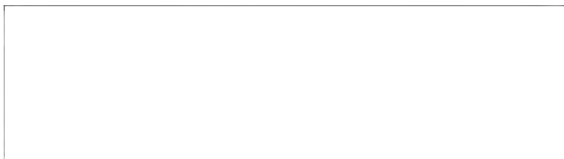


# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Laos

a. Following what appears to have been an outbreak of fighting in the Plaine des Jarres, Kong Le and the Pathet Lao have worked out a cease-fire there which is to go into effect tomorrow.

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c. Cease-fire pledges have never been firmly honored in Laos, but Ambassador Unger is using this development to help argue for getting an ICC team into the Plaine des Jarres.

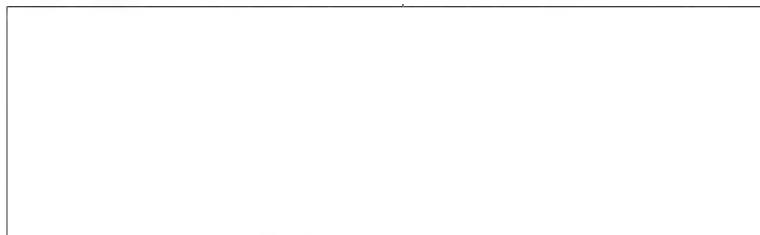
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2. Argentina

The navy rebellion has been recessed while truce talks get underway. The navy insists the cease-fire does not mean "unconditional" surrender. It does not have the upper hand, but retains the threat to bombard Buenos Aires which hastened Peron's departure in 1955.

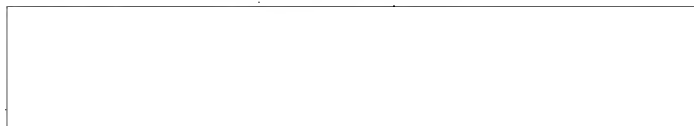
**3. Guatemala--  
Recognition  
Issues**

a. No one has yet recognized the new regime in Guatemala.



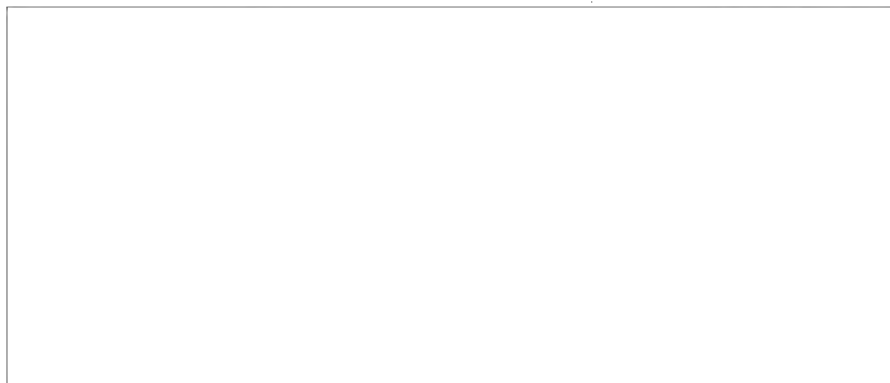
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c. Costa Rican President Orlich, although on friendly, personal terms with Peralta, feels that Costa Rica will have to delay because of commitments to Venezuela and earlier precedents in the cases of Argentina and Peru.



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**4. Cuba**



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d. The Nikolaevsk was seen departing yesterday morning with about 250 persons, probably Russian, on deck. The Mikhail Kalinin arrived yesterday and is due to leave today. We have no passenger information yet.

e. [redacted] yesterday's photography produced nothing notable.

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5. Somalia-  
Communist Bloc

a. The Soviets are making very good headway in Somalia.

b. A number of projects under commitments totalling some \$57 million, are in full swing. At least 100 Soviet technicians are there now

[redacted]  
Other Bloc members (including Communist China) are also in the act.

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c. The USSR has now reversed its policy of support for Ethiopia and come out in favor of "Greater Somalia."

d. Ambassador Torbert feels there is definite slippage in the Bloc's favor which may have been encouraged but certainly not caused by the recent troubles with Britain.

6. USSR

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**7. Yemen**

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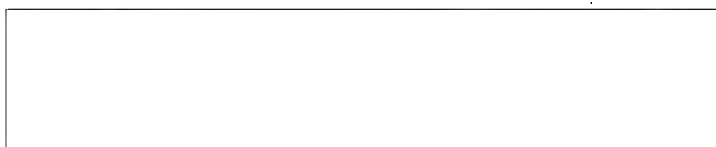
c. Nasir told Ambassador Bunker yesterday he would make a token withdrawal of a company or two when Faysal agrees to cease supporting the royalists. This would be followed by more substantial withdrawals after it is clear that Faysal will live up to his pledge.

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**8. Communist  
China**

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NOTES

A. Brazil A Brazilian paper close to Goulart's administration reports that Goulart is thinking of authorizing a central organization to consolidate and to direct all of Brazil's labor organizations. Communists now control three of the five major labor confederations in Brazil, and would be likely to dominate any consolidated agency. Communists would also be in a stronger position to influence the organization of rural labor, now in its initial stages.

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B. Venezuela Another series of terrorist attacks is planned for early this month in Venezuela by the Communist controlled Armed Forces of National Liberation.

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D. Berlin Plans are for the private British plane to be flown back out of Berlin tomorrow. The British, having had their protest rejected by the Soviets in the Berlin Air Safety Center, plan to take the matter up at a government level in Moscow or London in order to assure its safe removal.

E. Syria-UAR The situation has simmered down a bit in Syria.

The regime now may be able to stick to its guns when "unity" talks get underway again on Saturday in Cairo.

F. USSR The shakeup in the Soviet high command has affected Admiral N. I. Vinogradov, one of Zakharov's deputies, as well. Vinogradov has been dropped to a relatively minor job as chief of naval training institutions.

H. South Korea The civilian opposition has proposed an agreement under which Pak's referendum scheme would be withdrawn and civilian rule would be returned to South Korea no later than the end of December this year. Pak is engaged in smoking out US reaction to various modifications of his original plan. While Pak and the civilians are still far apart, the prospects for a paper agreement are improving.